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It was with deep thankfulness that the news was received that our missionaries from Bangkok, Siam, Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Caldwell and their baby, were among those rescued from the sea by the *Carpathia*. On account of Mrs. Caldwell's ill health they had been obliged to resign their work, and were returning as second-class passengers on the doomed *Titanic*. Loving hands provided for their every need when they reached New York.

In the death of Mrs. Darwin R. James the Woman's Board of Home Missions has lost its trusted leader of many years, a leader whose sagacity, broad vision, varied qualifications and complete consecration of them all to her high office made hers a unique individuality. At the memorial service, in which the Board commemorated her, the note sounded was not so much that of sorrow at her passing as of triumph in what she was permitted to achieve before she went. All the multitude who loved and admired her must rejoice that though "God, by ways they have not known, hath led His own," He has now led her to the green pastures and the still waters from which she will go no more out forever.

Hangchow College reports a recent visit from their good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Dollar, who left with them another gift of lumber, valued at nine hundred dollars gold.

The latest estimate of the number of Orientals on the Pacific Coast and in Alaska is about 124,000. Organized union work to reach these people is now being arranged by the "Oriental Workers' Association," which is composed of Baptists, Disciples, Congregationalists, Friends, Episcopalians, Methodists and Presbyterians. Transfers, combinations and adjustments of existing work are making, and all must rejoice in the spirit of union on this as well as on the other side of the sea.

While the bombardment of Beirut by the Italian fleet caused great excitement, there was no loss either of life or property, so far as our Board's interests are concerned. A curious circumstance of the disturbed conditions prevailing is that Moslems have fled in all directions with their families while the majority of the Christians have remained in the city.

As recently as March of this year six girls from fifteen to eighteen years of age were found by immigration inspectors close prisoners in an evil-smelling den in Chinatown in San Francisco. The girls were terrified when the officers broke down the barred door, for the proprietors of the place had told them that if white men found them they would kill them. They were pretty girls and the interpreter learned from them that they had been kidnapped in Hongkong and sold for large sums. They were all deported.

Mrs. Pond, of Caracas, says she is in a great hurry to write her report for 1912, she has so many nice things to tell about the new printing press, the new chapel, the improvement in the school, the progress of the industrial work and the proved faith of some of the converts.

Dr. E. P. Dunlap, of Siam, says he can recall even during recent tours hearing children, on seeing his approach, shouting out: "There comes that savage foreigner, run away as fast

as you can. If he catches you he will cut out your liver, fry it and eat it!" Now these children, having been gathered into schools and well taught, when they see us coming on the highway, draw up in line, greet us pleasantly and make a graceful bow."

THE CHRISTIANS in Nakawn, Siam, are building their own new church, to cost nearly two thousand dollars. It will be completed in a few months and will be dedicated free of debt. It will be a commodious and comfortable building, a credit to the Christian community. From its tower will sound a bell, the gift of Dr. Bulkley, of New York, whose son is at Tap Teang.

WITH a United States Senator clumsily burlesquing the Apostles' Creed in the Senate Chamber, and the representative of Bahaism preaching his Christless religion from the pulpit of a Christian Church in New York, our Saviour is once more "wounded in the house of His friends."

MANY of the Chinese and Japanese who come to the United States seem to realize that the Christian people are their best friends. This is especially true of the Japanese, as in their country there has been for a longer time than in China an understanding of Western nations. There has been a strong feeling on the Pacific Coast against permitting immigration from these countries, but one of our experienced workers points out the fact that the tramps and vicious characters along the coast do not come from the ranks of the Chinese, but from other classes of immigrants, and that the cause of their idleness does not lie in their wages being underbid by the Chinese, but in their own unwillingness to work.

WHEN the cruisers "Asama" and "Kasagi" visited the Pacific Coast the Japanese Christians of San Francisco presented all the officers of the two ships, one hundred and ninety in number, with handsome leather-covered Bibles in their own language. At the same time the American Bible Society and the Golden Gate Christian Endeavor Union presented to the thirteen hundred cadets copies in cloth of the Scriptures in Japanese.

WE did not need the endorsement of royalty to make us proud of our Dr. J. C. R. Ewing, of Lahore. It is only because we are glad to see others share our appreciation that we mention that he was the guest of the Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab at the Durbar, was selected as one of those to represent the province in doing homage to the new King and Queen, and was commanded by them to dine with them, and to answer their interested questions about mission work in India. In the local paper of the Church Missionary Society, a comment on Dr. Ewing's service as chairman of a great gathering remarks: "Would that all chairmen could turn their tongue from English to Urdu and back again with the same facility!"

REV. F. S. CURTIS, in speaking of the Japanese announcement that his field is no longer in *Korea*, but in *Chosen*, alluded to the significance of that name in our tongue, for the land was indeed Chosen of God to show forth the power of the gospel.

IN HONOLULU five thousand friends assisted at a farewell reception given to Sun Fo, the sixteen-year-old son of Dr. Sun Yat Sen. He left Hawaii, the land of his birth and of his student years, to join his father in China, laden with gifts and followed by affectionate good wishes. His Western dress and his intelligent young face, as shown in a picture in *The Friend*, look more American than Mongolian.

THE REPORT of the Shantung Christian University is full of interesting statistics and information. Perhaps no one thing could be mentioned that would be more creditable to this historic institution than the fact that during its forty years of existence every student graduated has been a Christian.

When the Golden Gate Swings Open

WHAT THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD HAS BEEN DOING FOR THOSE FROM THE FAR EAST WHO COME THROUGH.

THE FIRST Christian work done for the Chinese in this country was that of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions which was begun as far back as 1852, under the care of the Rev. William Speer, who had been a missionary in Canton. In a year from that time the first Chinese church was organized in San Francisco, beginning with four members. As the Chinese immigrants multiplied the work spread, until now it is carried on at twelve different stations, at Los Angeles, Oakland, Alameda, Stockton, etc. Evening schools for those at work during the day, and day schools for children, are conducted, much of this work being under the charge of our Occidental Board. The Rev. Dr. Condit is pastor of the church in San Francisco and general superintendent of the Chinese work. The homes of the Chinese are visited and personal work for souls has resulted in many conversions.

During 1911 about sixty thousand immigrants came in who intend to live in the Western coast states. It is anticipated that the opening of the Panama Canal will vastly swell this tide. Some of these newcomers have been influenced by missionary preaching in their own land and come with hearts ready to receive the message. Many go back to China carrying with them a new and vital faith. The Chinese Christians have shown their faith by their works, contributing generously, according to their means, to church buildings and Christian work, and striving to reach their own countrymen. Of one of these converts it is told that he worked so faithfully and lived so consistently that good men said of him: "He is the best Christian in Idaho."

The Occidental Board has for many years conducted a Rescue Home, now under Miss Donaldina Cameron, where by the latest accessible statistics it is shown that considerably over a thousand girls who had been brought to this country for immoral purposes have found shelter. They were hunted out, often in spite of almost incredible difficulty, by the brave women workers, from hidden places where they were held as slaves.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Sturge are in charge of the work for the Japanese. Thousands of these live, not only in the large centres, but in small towns and camps. About one in fifty of the Japanese in California have confessed Christ; in Japan the proportion is only one in six hundred. They have built their own churches, the Board assists them with their running expenses. Over one thousand "picture brides" came from Japan last year, girls whose marriage with young men in this country had been arranged by a go-between with the aid of photographs.

FIRST HINDU TEMPLE IN THE UNITED STATES
at San Francisco; in charge of a Hindu priest, a Swami and a corps of teachers of occult philosophy.
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A quarter of a century ago there were few Japanese in San Francisco, and almost none in any other part of the country. Our church had then one little mission in a room over a saloon. Now we have four organized churches, and four other missions in California. Mrs. Sturge says that the Japanese who embrace our religion are nearly all of the samurai or student class, and for this reason are influential with their countrymen. She thinks that the church members are more earnest and consecrated than average American Christians.

There is a settlement of about four hundred Koreans in the vicinity of Sacramento and Stockton. These aliens show a great warmth of receptivity toward the messengers who are striving to bring them the Gospel. Some of those who have known their countrymen in their own land think that these somewhat Americanized Koreans, when they become Christians, are not so unworldly as their compatriots at home. This is, if true, not unnatural. They have come to this country expressly to acquire an independence, and they have around them the example of American activity in the acquisition of money. But even if this be so, the Koreans deserve the credit for having erected a mission building at Claremont for which they themselves, not including some gifts from Americans, have expended $1,700.

Help for Chinese Women and Children in San Francisco

Miss Donaldina Cameron, who has been the faithful missionary of the Occidental Board for many years, was granted a furlough for six months, and Miss Nora K. Gorham, of Santa Barbara, had the courage to serve as substitute. This work was quite new to her, and Miss Cameron remained within call, so that the difficult cases which so often arise, found her at hand to assist Miss Gorham. After a stay of seven months, illness in her family required the presence of Miss Gorham, and fortunately Miss Bankes, of Los Angeles, sister of our missionary in Canton, China, came to fill the vacancy. Miss Cameron must have another six months, and wisely sailed for Honolulu. Just then a case of highbinder's war over a poor Chinese slave girl was begun, with warrants served, and the usual contentions. While the authorities required that the girl should be deported, they placed her in the care of our Mission; from there she was hidden in a Chinese Christian family and safely put on board of a liner for Shanghai. In that city our faithful Ah Cheng, an accredited missionary there on a salary, is informed of these arrivals, and is

READY TO RECEIVE THEM

and render proper assistance through the aid of our missionaries there.

Our President, Mrs. Pinney, is trying the experiment of placing our trained Chinese girls in responsible positions in the Home, so as to require but one American woman in our employ. Two girls are in charge of the Home School, two more serve as matron and assistant, so that the services of Miss Carr as matron and Miss Riddle as teacher, though they filled the positions admirably, were dispensed with. A large number of the inmates are children, a comfort that for years we longed to enjoy. A faithful woman, Mrs. Yeung, who is a real evangelist, came from China, and is invaluable in the Home and as a visitor outside.

Mr. Horace C. Coleman, of Morristown, Pa., visited our Mission, and earnestly desired to educate one of our promising pupils. The happy choice fell upon Teen Fook, and she was at once placed in a school of his choice. Six years of study was required by Mr. Coleman before she was ready to return to us. In Germantown, Pa., she was for four years, while in school there, a mem-

ber of the family of Rev. Henry W. Frost, Director of the China Inland Mission; then two years in Toronto, Canada, in a Bible training school. She must have received training also in

THE CULINARY ART,

as at a recent luncheon for our Executive Committee, the coffee and the delicious creamed codfish were prepared by Wu Teen Fook, known now in her new capacity by the name of *Miss Wu*. Margaret Woo, one of our gifted girls, is in college, where she hoped to pay the expense by a little sum left by her father, as she is an orphan. Many have heard with great pleasure her sweet voice as she sang "The Man of Calvary." Mrs. Mariner Campbell has been a teacher in voice culture of several of our girls. This is her free gift to our mission.

Ah Fi, our little saint, is employed by our government in a position at Angel Island where many Chinese are landed, and especially those who may be deported. She is interpreter, and Chinese women can be safely investigated by the authorities. She is reported as holding prayer meetings with those poor, ignorant women.

Our Condit School in Oakland and the Occidental School in San Francisco are fine schools. The pupils—boys and girls—are wide awake, we have Christian teachers who, in harmony with Mrs. Garrette, Chairman of our Evangelistic Committee, teach them to recite from the Bible, and Bibles are given them to take to their homes. After they have reached the required grade, they are promoted to the public schools, and there they are taught, as we are informed, by Roman Catholic teachers, who lure them to the Roman Church if possible. The Board of Education is responsible for this. Their places in our schools are filled with new recruits.

Several girls from our schools have recently applied for admission to our Chinese Church, Rev. J. H. Laughlin, minister. While they bore a good examination, they are, on account of their youth, detained for a while as catechumens.

Our Board has sent forty missionaries to foreign lands.

"The Lord gave the word, and great was the company of women that published it."

"AND THESE FROM THE LAND OF SINIM"

As a result of various evangelistic meetings, held in San Francisco within the past few months, interest extended into Chinatown; pastors who were in closest touch with the spirit of the meetings; Methodist, Congregational, Disciple, Baptist and Cumberland Presbyterian, united in holding a series of similar meetings in the Chinese Presbyterian Church. The Chinese were responsive, and from two to four hundred men, besides women and children, attended the evening services.

The earnest work done in the inquiry meetings was a notable feature of the

JAPAN'S BUDDHIST MISSION AT SAN JOSE, CAL.
There are over 50,000 Buddhists on our West Coast.
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mission. On the last evening a half dozen different groups gathered in the various class rooms of the church, many remaining until nearly midnight. At a communion service, which followed in the Presbyterian Church, sixteen applied for baptism; thirteen of these were enrolled in a Catechumen class for further training. The other churches also had encouraging results.

While the "Men and Religion" team were in San Francisco, Mr. E. F. Hall, whose office is near Chinatown, invited them to hold a service in the Chinese Presbyterian Church. All the Chinese churches with their leaders responded, and the house was filled to overflowing. They enjoyed the service exceedingly and remained till eleven o'clock. It was a rare occasion to see so many Chinese Christians together.

(*Mrs. E. V.*) *Pauline F. Robbins.*

Methods of Approach

III.

A WOMAN dressed in rough, blue cotton coat and trousers, her long black hair disheveled, her eyes red with weeping, walks through the narrow alleys and across the fields near a Chinese city, broom in one hand, dust-pan in the other, making passes with the broom here and there; and her voice goes out in a wail that pierces to one's heart as she calls over and over a name, the name of a child. What is she doing? Her little one is lying sick at home, and she is trying to entice back again, to "sweep in" the spirit that is flitting away before it goes beyond her call.

Another woman in a small dark room is leaning head and arms across a table, sleeping

UNDER THE POWER OF OPIUM.

Her pupils are narrow as pin-points, and she does not answer when those around try to waken her, nor will she answer again unless something is done to save her. It almost seems it would be better to let her sleep; it is bitterness and poverty which drove her to seek death, and it is only bitterness and poverty to which she would return.

Again a beautiful girl is riding through the streets in a sedan; an exquisite satin gown, masses of pearls in her glossy hair, powder and paint on face and palms help to make up the fair picture of which the crowds on the street strain to steal a glimpse, and of which the lady herself is complacently conscious. She draws a tiny mirror from her pocket and views herself with pride.

These are the women of China whom we wish to approach, the ones sick in soul and body, and the others who do not care. And they may be saved, for already in that land there are thousands of women who do believe.

Besides all the regular missionary societies represented in China there are many agencies working for women alone, such as the Women's Missionary Union, the Young Women's Christian Association, work for blind girls, the Door of Hope, the Anti-foot-binding Society, and the work of such a woman as Dr. Chang of Shanghai, recently called in enthusiasm the "Florence Nightingale of China." She has instituted a "reformed school" for girls, a woman's medical college—the influence all Christian, though not missionary—and now she is throwing heart and energies into Red Cross hospitals and making nurses of Amazon soldiers who have run away from home. It is well we do not know which is the biggest avenue of approach to the woman's soul, else we would all throng to find that road, while the Lord surely wills to save by many means, by many roads, so that in time not one may be left without the invitation.

This invitation is not to be an empty exhortation if we wish to win souls. How many of us have heard the paid helper in the dispensary or by the roadside

saying to the women: "Believe in the Lord. Believe in the Lord! Put away your idols." There is a great deal of waste preaching that is more calculated to do harm than good. "Tell me, Dong Tai-tai," I said one day to a well-meaning old Bible woman in Soochow, "how would you begin talking to a heathen woman about the gospel?"

"I WOULD BEGIN WITH ADAM,"

said she, "and tell how the Lord made Adam, and put him in the Garden of Eden, then how he wanted some one to help him, and asked the Lord for a wife!" This same old woman used more direct methods on occasion. Once she refused to allow a woman patient her bowl of rice till she had rendered thanks to the Lord.

Think of our Lord's wonderful way of dealing with that Eastern woman, the woman of Samaria; few sentences, but each one coming closer to the hardened heart, till she knew in her inmost being that this was the Messiah.

Another fact, which possibly those at home do not realize, is that the mass of those who are saved are brought in through the efforts of not one alone but several workers for the Lord. You think you are going to the foreign field to plead with sin-sick souls till they yield to your entreaties and turn their eyes to the cross. But remember it will not be you alone. You gave the first message, it may be, but that would have been forgotten had not some one else given the cup of cold water, and a third come to this Chinese woman's home and said, "I have eaten this religion and found it to be good. My heart is filled with happiness, and I want you to know that happiness too." Most of all, it may be some silent, beautiful life that finally brings her heart to yield and turn to the truth. The King's messengers are many, but if one fails to run and if one fails to give his message, the city may be lost.

One young woman said to me the other day: "When I first began to take those meetings for outside women I realized I must have some point of contact with them. I wondered and wondered what this 'point of contact' could possibly be, and finally decided there was none whatever, and I simply would have to make one. So I went the first two or three Sundays and just sat there letting them

FEEL OF MY CLOTHES

and hair, answering all the curious questions they wanted to ask; then when they had satisfied themselves I talked to them and after that had absolutely no difficulty in holding their attention."

Another young missionary was giving one of her half-worn garments to a native woman who had called on her. The visitor was about to leave when the young woman jumped up and, wrapping a sheet of paper about the bundle, said with a laugh: "Here, take this, and the neighbors will not see what you have." The gift of the gown was pleasing enough to the woman, but the thought of "saving her face" brought

GRATEFUL TEARS TO HER EYES,

and she exclaimed: "Oh, you always know our hearts!"

Two women, one weeping, one a comforter, stood beside a rough box in which lay the tiny form of a Chinese baby. The tall, white sister had been preparing with her own hands the baby's last bed, lining it with something soft and white, and telling the poor mother she need have no fear of this body from which the spirit had fled. When life is almost gone in China an evil spirit is thought to take possession of the little body, and the mother's last yearning gives way to an agony of fear. She almost hates that helpless form where her own child's spirit dwells no more, and she is ready even to cast it out in the street to draw its last breath alone, unloved. And now this mother had found in the followers of Jesus a fearlessness of evil spirits and a love of hu-

manity that would follow one even to the Valley of the Shadow. She weeps, her fear is given up for love, and she holds her own baby to the end.

This is the "point of contact" made by this missionary, and hereafter she may talk to the mother with no fear of inattention.

This same white sister was puzzled for many days to find the entrance door to the heart of another Chinese woman. A "boy" in the family service had brought home a bride, rather his father had presented one to him, a

SHY, WILD THING,

whom neither kindness nor blows would tame, and the very name of foreigner seemed to terrify. The missionary sent her to an industrial school, but the girl ran away and buried herself again in her hole. The missionary found, however, that she had some skill at needlework, so made another arrangement with the school to let the girl come and go at pleasure, not as a regular pupil but as a visitor. In a short time she gained self-confidence from her own skill, her fear was disarmed, her heart warmed to those who had taken so much pains with her, and she became a happy member of that Christian home.

A Chinese woman was walking along the narrow streets of Ningpo when a crowd about a door attracted her attention. There was a voice coming from within of some one speaking—perhaps a story-teller—so she turned aside for a moment to listen. Ah, yes! it was the story of a good man of long ago, who for His goodness was hated and hunted down till He was taken and nailed to a frame of wood. The Ningpo woman went on her way and wept for sorrow. Then in later years she moved to another city, and there again she heard the story of the cross and found that He who had died had risen again and now lived as the Redeemer of the world. She was baptized in His name and afterward went from home to home telling the story that had moved her heart as a heathen woman and later won her to the Lord. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me."

Do we remember what Jesus said when they told Him His mother and brethren were outside and wanted to speak to Him? He stretched His hands toward the disciples who loved Him and said: "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in Heaven, the same is my brother *and sister* and mother." No place for woman in the religions of China; no home for her in their heaven, but in the great brotherly heart of Jesus Christ there is all room; and if we go to Him on our knees, and say: "O! Master, Who hast died for them, teach us how to win these women for Thee; teach us the way to lead them from their lowliness to the place at Thy side as sister which Thou didst grant them!" Then we shall hear Him say again: "I am the Way."

(*Mrs. F. J.*) *Mary Fitch Tooker, M.D.*

SIANGTAN.

[*Mrs. Tooker was born in China, the daughter of missionary parents; her observations are from a life-long experience. The fourth, and concluding article of this series will appear in July, from the pen of Mrs. S. G. Wilson, our valued missionary in Tabriz, Persia, and will treat of approach to Moslems.*—EDITOR.]

Reaching the Chinese in New York

The story of the beginning of the First Chinese Church in New York is an interesting one.

The methods of the Board of Foreign Missions being adapted to work among people speaking foreign languages, this Board engaged the Rev. Huie Kin, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, to start work among the Chinese who were coming in large numbers. In May, 1908, when the Presbyterian Building at 156 Fifth Avenue was occupied, the former Mission House at 53 Fifth Avenue was vacated, and the Chinese Mission was allowed the use of it until it was sold. Here the work grew so rapidly that it was again obliged to move, this time to the house at 26 West

REV. HUIE KIN AND HIS NEW YORK CHINESE BOYS

Ninth Street, which had been the Chinese Consulate. This soon became inadequate for the growing work, and prayer was made most earnestly that a permanent place might be found which would allow of development into a church. Mrs. Huie Kin and Miss Charlotte Hall followed the many prayers by effort. One morning they started out on a street-to-street search in the vicinity where they wished to settle. They were rewarded by meeting a real estate gentleman who told them of a building near by that was for sale. It had been used for a Republican Club at 225-227 East Thirty-first Street. When they saw the building their prayers followed for money with which to make the purchase.

Here was an auditorium with platform and gallery, not a partition had to be removed. There are rooms for classes, for the Y. M. C. A., a bowling alley in the basement, and even a dining room where the men who come to Sunday-school and stay for the evening service can be accommodated. Rooms where strangers can be taken in are above the floor on which Pastor Huie and his family reside. Here Dr. Sun Yat Sen was a welcome guest when he was in the city—that model Christian statesman of China's Republic.

Work is here carried on for students which is Christian, though some of the students may not be Christians. Student work is also done at Columbia University and Mr. Huie directs all this work in the city.

On December 18, 1910, the First Chinese Presbyterian Church was organized, with Rev. Huie Kin as pastor; two elders and two deacons were ordained. The membership at present is forty-three, and there are one hundred members in the Sunday-school. Visitors are always welcomed at the church building.

There are Chinese Sunday-schools in twenty different churches in the city, and also in Brooklyn and suburban places. Mrs. Huie may be called the good angel of all the departments of work; she gives the best, and the best has come back to her.

In Seattle the First Presbyterian Church has a night-school for Japanese and Chinese men and a visitor for women and children. Dr. Matthews, the pastor of that church, is deeply interested.

A Christian man was brought from China to teach the Chinese in Portland, Ore., Mr. Ng Man Bo, a pupil of Dr. Fulton's. He is doing splendid work, assisted among the men by Mr. Poy and in work for women and children by Mrs. Poy, once an inmate of the Portland Chinese Home.

"He Laid His Hands on Them and Healed Them"

PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALING IN SIAM AND LAOS

THE NEW hospital at Chieng Rai is called the Overbrook Hospital. It was built in memory of Mr. John P. Gest of Overbrook, Pa. It is a substantial brick building, with glass windows, all carefully screened as a protection from mosquitoes. There are accommodations for forty-four patients, separate wards for men and women, for surgical and medical cases. During the three years of its construction it has treated thousands of patients, and fourteen of those working on the building have been received into the church.

The spiritual work goes on, also, among those treated. One day a middle-aged man came into the dispensary and sat on the floor doubled up with pain. He had walked with a quack Chinese doctor for sixty miles, carrying the "doctor's" basket of "medicines," receiving as pay his food and treatment. He had not known relief from

EXCRUCIATING PAIN FOR THREE YEARS.

He had no money, no property, no friends. Notwithstanding the journey meant unspeakable suffering, the man thought that through this Chinese doctor with large promises his day of salvation had surely come. It had indeed come, though not as he thought. When after many days the "doctor" and his patient finally arrived at Chieng Rai the patient was told to apply elsewhere for his necessities. He heard of the hospital, and came there. We found that his trouble came from a large stone in the bladder. He was operated on successfully, and is now able to earn his living like other men. When in the hospital he was often seen reading the story of salvation. He read it to other patients and asked questions in abundance. He prayed almost hourly to his new-found Father God with the faith of a child, but with the intelligence of a sturdy-minded man.

Throughout the country it is becoming quite widely known that there is a hospital for lepers at Koh Klang, connected with the Chieng Mai mission, and an increasing number of applicants is being received. Those in charge tell us that these applicants are not so much from the common begging leper seen on the streets as from the afflicted ones who have been

HIDDEN AWAY

by their relatives in villages here and there through the country. It is known to our physicians that there are many of these dangerous sources of infection in hiding in North Siam. The beginning of permanent quarters for those who can be received at Koh Klang is a cause of gratitude to God.

An epidemic of malignant malarial fever unusual in its intensity, through the Chieng Mai Valley, has given to the doctors an exceptional opportunity to present the gospel. They report that never before have the people been so thoroughly convinced of the life-saving power of the Christian medicine. Side by side with the native doctor's medicine it has meant just the difference between life and death. Never before has there been so ready an acceptance of Christianity along with the treatment of disease.

At the Van Santvoord Hospital in Lakawn also, the evangelistic side of the work has been strong. All the assistants, especially Elder Lung Huen, who is a nurse, have been instant in season and out of season in teaching, and as a result have seen the

CONVERSION OF FOURTEEN

of the patients. The wife of a Government official was operated on for appendicitis with complications, and her recovery was not only regarded as a miracle in the town, but resulted in the acceptance of Christianity by her husband

WORKERS' ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Japanese Mission in Los Angeles
The Japanese Christians at Watsonville have subscribed fifteen hundred dollars for a pretty new chapel which will be the work of their own hands. At Wintersburg, the Japanese Christian Endeavor Society holds the district banner for the present year. They have had a photograph of the valued trophy made, and it is shown at the entrance of their new house of worship.

In a large village fifteen miles north of Nan there was an outbreak of a virulent form of beri-beri. In treating it our doctors had the very active cooperation of the Government officials, who established headquarters in the town, directed all the affairs in the care of the sick and carried out all the suggestions of the doctors with expedition and efficiency. To the professional students and to the country at large as well it was a matter of supreme importance to have the cause of the disease indisputably established. Dr. Peoples says it was without doubt caused by some infection of rice coming from the locality in which it was grown, and not, as was formerly supposed, from the manner of handling the rice, such as over-polishing or exposure in the process of preparation for consumption. The villagers supposed that their sufferings were caused by an offended spirit. After the coming of the doctors and the abatement of the disease one of the villagers, well versed in spirit lore, explained that he had heard the spirit go clattering up the hillside, complaining that he had been disturbed by foreigners and was going away not to return!

Through patients of the dispensary who were minor Government officials, the physicians heard that the Governor, a fine old gentleman over eighty, had charged them to do away with all exorcism and divination by spirits in the treatment of disease, saying that he himself had discarded these things many years ago. The doctor thereupon called upon the Governor and urged him to have a proclamation issued to that effect; to persuade and comfort the people by the assurance that he would take the responsibility of their forsaking the spirits and depending upon proper medical treatment; to have this proclamation published and spread abroad throughout the province with his seal affixed. The proclamation is now being prepared.

During the first year of the operation of the hospital at Tap Teang medical matters have been somewhat complicated by the fact that the building was not finished. Dr. Bulkley, with the help of his two Siamese assistants, has treated a large number of patients with both medical and surgical attention. Many of these were

BROUGHT TO HIM IN A DYING CONDITION,

and in spite of the professional dislike of having his death rate increase, he felt it better to let these hopeless cases in to die under a roof and with some kind of care rather than entirely neglected by the roadside or under a shed. A not uncommon practice has been for friends or relatives to bring in a dying patient and abandon him the first night, the hospital then having the whole expense and responsibility, and sometimes the expense of burial as well.

The fame of the Sri Tamarat Hospital at Nakawn has spread throughout the Peninsula, and patients come several days' journey to receive aid. Many arrive in the gravest condition, having first tried all other known treatments. But by the blessing of the Great Healer upon the means employed, most of them return home cured. The death rate for the last four years has been only two per cent. When the friends of one convalescent patient went home to collect funds to pay her expenses they found great difficulty in persuading their neighbors that she was still alive. She went back to them as one raised from the dead.

IT IS gratifying to observe the advance in the progress of education in Siam as shown in the Government schools. Many of these are now better equipped than the schools of the Mission, which formerly had the entire field. Though this cuts into the attendance at the Christian schools it is a result to be expected and desired. According to the Government regulations a number of the pupils have taken the State examinations, and while they have been successful in passing they have been influenced, intentionally or otherwise, to enter the Government schools.

Yeung Mo Owen

MISSIONARY TO AMERICA.

A COMBINATION of the True Light Seminary, Canton, China, Mr. Andrew Carnegie, of New York, and Chinatown, San Francisco, seems at first glance somehow unthinkable, but it is nevertheless true that through the first two of these factors a blessing is coming in these days to the third.

Some years ago there entered the True Light Seminary a bright little girl of thirteen, who, under the wise and gentle training of Miss Noyes, gave her heart to Christ and united with the church, becoming thereafter one of the best pupils in the school. Her great desire was to become a teacher, but since at three years of age she had been betrothed by her father to the son of a heathen family—the betrothal by Chinese law being almost equivalent to a marriage—it became her duty to fulfil the promise made for her, and at the completion of her course of study she married the man of her father's choice. The marriage did not prove a happy one; the husband's business took him much away, leaving his wife alone, and at the end of three years he died suddenly of plague. The young wife, thus unexpectedly

SET FREE FOR SERVICE,

at once took up her desired work, and after teaching for three years in Hongkong was called to a position in a Congregational school in Canton. Her sister, having married a Chinese Congregational minister in Canton, went with him at this time to work in America.

In the spring of 1910 it came about that one of the benefactions of Mr. Andrew Carnegie came to the Occidental Home in San Francisco, and when the question arose as to what should be done with the gift it could but seem that the long-sought opportunity had come to secure a Christian Chinese teacher to live with the girls in the Home and to train them in their own tongue.

NEWLY RESCUED SLAVE GIRLS

So it came to pass that Yeung Mo Owen, or "Mrs. Yeung," as she is known in America, led in these various ways, became an inmate of the Mission Home in San Francisco, teacher of Chinese to the girls, both in the Home and in the Occidental Board Day School, and incidentally a blessing not only to the Home and to the Chinese Church,

but also to Chinatown, and to the Board itself.

In the Chinese church this same beautiful influence is felt, whether in her Sunday-school teaching, her talks to the Chinese King's Daughters and the Mothers' Meetings, or simply in her presence as a devoted Christian, for such an influence cannot be confined, it goes out into Chinatown itself, where Mrs. Yeung is a welcome visitor in Christian and heathen homes alike. She reads and teaches the Bible and gives instruction in the faith, and Miss Cameron writes of her: "She has won the love and respect of all the Chinese with whom she comes in touch. Through her visits in Chinatown many heathen women are now deeply interested in the Gospel, and eager to know more."

And her presence is a blessing to the Occidental Board also. On the day she was first presented to the Board, although unable to speak any English, her sweet smile, her gentle, courteous manner, and something undefinable in her personality,

DREW ALL HEARTS TO HER.

"I have never seen such a lovely face, never been so impressed by a Chinese woman," said one long in the work in California. "Now you see what our native Christian women are like," quickly responded a missionary who was present.

Such is our dear friend, Mrs. Yeung, missionary to America from the Church of Christ in China. Years ago, the teachers and pupils of True Light Seminary, sending a greeting to America, said: "We have already heard of the greatness of your country, and the love of Christians embracing all countries,

HELEN WONG AND HER FRIEND GUE, TWO LITTLE LOS ANGELES LADIES

and sending the true doctrine also to China. We have not yet attained to such virtue, but desire that we may. . . . Thinking of all this, we write to express our heartfelt gratitude for what you have done for us. . . Truly your hearts are like the heart of Jesus. We have in China the saying, 'Gifts which are received are remembered for a thousand years.'"

So the gift, thus beautifully remembered—the gift, a generation ago, of True Light Seminary to China by the Presbyterian Church in America—is bearing fruit to-day in such consecrated lives, sent out to reach the Chinese Church here as it can only be reached by its own people.

Mrs. E. F. Hall.

BERKELEY, Cal.

"A TOILSOME journey through the jungles on elephants brought me to a Saturday night with the weary ejaculation: 'Now we can have a day of rest!' The next morning I slept late, but Dr. McGilvary did not; he spent an hour before breakfast in a neighboring village, distributing tracts and inviting the people to come to a service at our camp at ten o'clock. It was an impressive service—but Dr. McGilvary was not present. Seventy-four years old though he was, he had walked three miles under a scorching sun to another village and was preaching there, while Dr. Dodd conducted the service at our camp. And I said: 'If that is the way Dr. McGilvary rests, what does he do when he works?'"

Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, in introduction to *A Half Century Among the Siamese and the Lao.*

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

AFRICA

Mrs. F. A. Wyckoff writes from Efulen:

We see many things dear to the heart of a boy. The hunters return after a day in the forest bringing a fine wild pig or antelope, or perhaps a little baby antelope. Then the little black boys are always saying and doing such funny things. They all want to "be e'sae," or do work for the white people, and thus

EARN FISHHOOKS;

sometimes tiny little fellows will carry large pails of water on their heads. No wonder the people are so erect and straight.

You would be amused to see how some of the little girls adorn themselves. Two of them came to me yesterday with their shiny black faces spotted all over with bright blue powder. Some of them walk eight and ten miles to attend my primary class; it is easy to love them. I gave them used picture post cards at Christmas time. How pleased they were; their only gift, of course.

My husband and I are very happy in our little bark home, the one Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnston lived in so many years. Of course, much of my time has been spent studying the language. It is so hard to meet so many people who need the message we bring, and say nothing to them, but time will remedy that, I trust. I am to have a class of women who are professed Christians, but who are not able to answer the questions required of those who are taken into the church. The women tell us they are stupid and cannot learn the words of God; no wonder they think so, as the men do not hesitate to inform them of that fact continually.

Last communion season we had 2,200 people here. Envelopes are given to those who give a copper or more a month. Such a rush as they make for the envelopes. Many of the women showed me dirty pieces of paper to read, as reasons why they should receive envelopes. The evangelists and teachers had written facts about them to Mr. Evans, our minister here. Several of those I read said "This woman excels in stupidity, and should be told to wait." Poor souls, they little knew what their papers said about them. I must tell you about a trip I took with Mr. Wyckoff. He visited schools while I visited the women. How they crowded around to hear the old, old story. At one place I gave a woman two pills,—how news travels! All along the way after that they begged me to come into their huts to see sick people.

SOUTH AMERICA

Rev. R. F. Lenington gives interesting items from Curityba, Brazil:

It has been my privilege to be in touch with the work of our Church all over Brazil. In December it was my privilege as one of the Directors, to take part in the examinations in the Theological Seminary of our Church, located at Campinas in the State of Sao Paulo. There are twelve students there, bright, consecrated, young Brazilians, from whom we have the right to hope great things in the evangelization of this land. Then in January I had the joy of attending the second General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Brazil, held in the Federal capital, Rio de Janeiro. Your missionary had the honor of being

ELECTED MODERATOR

and of presiding at all the sessions, and also at the anniversary meetings of the Jubilee of our Presbyterian work in Brazil. On January 12, 1862, Rev. A. G. Simonton, our first missionary, received on profession in Rio de Janeiro, the first two converts. Fifty years! Then two members Now more than 12,000. Then the one church! Now scores of them, eight Presbyteries, two Synods and a General Assembly. There are 68 ministers and one foreign missionary, for the Presbyterian Church in Brazil has

BEGUN MISSIONARY WORK,

sending one of its ministers as a missionary to the new republic of Portugal, where in the city of Lisbon he is doing a great and blessed work. I wish you could have attended these meetings with me and seen and felt the enthusiasm of the workers as they gathered from all Brazil to tell of discouragements and difficulties, but more of conflicts and victories; of darkness being dispelled; of heavy superstitions falling to the ground; of slaves of sin being liberated; of weary ones being comforted; of prodigal children of a heavenly Father coming back to Him. It was glorious as we realized more and more that His promise to be with His witnesses is being fulfilled. On January 12th we had a sunrise prayer meeting on

Corcovado, one of the peaks overlooking the city. And as we sat there on that rocky summit and looked far to the horizon over the blue Atlantic for the first rays of the sun, our hearts were deeply affected. Songs of praise were sung for the victories and blessings for the fifty years closing and earnest prayers were offered for the fifty years to follow. But do you wonder that as we looked down over the city below, the most beautiful city on earth, of almost a million inhabitants, now shrouded in darkness, sad emblem of the spiritual state of this rich and lovely land, our hearts went out in most earnest prayer that even as the morning sun would soon drive the mists away and flood the city with light so might the Sun of righteousness illumine the whole land with a light such as never was on land or sea.

SYRIA

MISS CHARLOTTE BROWN writes from SIDON:

We have been much blessed this year in having more of a religious feeling among the girls than for years past, and many have passed through a distinct religious experience and we now have a basis of common knowledge and feeling to work on when things go wrong. The feelings began during the Week of Prayer when Dr. George A. Ford gave special talks, followed by a week of meetings for the two schools especially, though others attended. They were held before noon when no one was tired out, as is so apt to be the case at the end of the day. We have a class of eighteen applicants for church membership who came to my room Sundays for a little while to study a small book in Arabic prepared for those seeking admission to the church.

Many of the girls still keep up the habit they formed early in January of coming to Miss Jessup's room or mine for prayer or talk before they go to bed. The number varies, but whether three or fifteen, there are those who are ready to pray.

CHINA

MISS E. A. CHURCHILL writes from CANTON:

This will only be a short letter to let you know that I am all right, but a little tired after the strain of the last few months. I managed to keep my work going until we closed for Chinese New Year vacation.

We are glad to know that so many dear friends are praying for us in the home lands. Nothing can save China from ruin but Divine intervention. The people have the wildest ideas on government. They seem to think that under a republican government everyone will be at liberty to do what is right in his own eyes. Considering the fact that we have here practically four hundred millions of heathen people, the Christians being not many more than a quarter of a million, even the most optimistic must see that such a situation is fraught with the gravest dangers.

KOREA

A LETTER from Dr. Charles A. Clark, of Seoul, Korea, tells the following incident: "I heard a story this week of the late Prince Ito's first visit to Pyeng Yang. A reception was given for him and Japanese, Americans and Koreans were all invited. When our missionary Americans arrived they were all presented to the Prince, and each said a few words of greeting. Presently in came one of the leading elders of the Korean Church. They noticed that he had a beautifully bound Japanese Bible in his hands. When he was presented by the interpreter, instead of a few mere words of felicitation, he pulled out his Bible and, presenting it to the Prince, said: 'We are only poor, ignorant people up here, and we haven't much that we consider worthy of being presented to Your Excellency, but all worth-while things that we have we have gotten from this Book, and we hope that it may be a blessing to you as it has been to us.' The Prince replied kindly that he had seen the Book and had read it somewhat, and that he knew that reading it would make anyone a better man. That was witnessing for Jesus."

SIAM

We are showing all our postals through the photoscope. Will you not let friends know that we shall be so glad to put on our library tables some illustrated papers and magazines *when they have read them—Harper's Weekly* or any such periodicals.—*Mrs. J. B. Dunlap,* Boon Itt Memorial Institute, Bangkok, Siam.

On his return from a tour of South America Robert E. Speer, D.D., gave a number of addresses on conditions in the South American Republics which aroused much interest in that country and in our own. The address given at the Student Volunteer Convention in Rochester was widely quoted. As the outcome of his studies Dr. Speer has put in book form his observations concerning the South American Republics. This book will be published by the Student Volunteer Movement.

HOME DEPARTMENT

CHANGES IN THE MISSIONARY FORCE

ARRIVALS:

At San Francisco, March 4, Miss Vella M. Wilcox, from Yeung Kong, China.
At San Francisco, March 13, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Ross, from S. China. Address, 1310 Springfield Ave., Urbana, Ill.
At San Francisco, March 29, Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Preston, from Hunan. Address, 600 Mound Ave., Pasadena, Cal.
At San Francisco, March 30, Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Dodd, from Shantung. Address, Greenwood, Mo.
At New York, April 18, Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Caldwell, from Bangkok, Siam. Address, Care Rev. Wm. Caldwell, Biggsville, Ill.

DEPARTURES:

From San Francisco, April 10, Miss Clyde Bartholomew, returning to the Philippines.
From New York, April 17, W. S. Lehman, M.D., returning to Africa.
From San Francisco, April 24, Miss Mary Belle Sherman, returning to Japan.
From San Francisco, April 24, Mrs. J. W. McKean, returning to Laos.
From Dover, England, April 26, Miss Hilda Laible, to join the Africa Mission.
From New York, May 4, Rev. Frederick Jansen, for England, prior to his return to the Philippines.

MARRIAGE:

At Bogota, Colombia, S. A., April 2, Rev. Thos. E. Barber and Miss Ethel I. Towle.

RESIGNATIONS:

Miss Jean E. James of the Punjab Mission. Appointed 1906.
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Graham Lee, of Korea. Appointed 1892.

THE BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY

THE Biennial Assembly of the Philadelphia Board held its sessions in the Brown Memorial Church, Baltimore, April 23rd to 25th. There were two hundred and seventy registered delegates, twenty-four Board members, and sixteen missionaries. At every session the large church was well filled with a deeply interested audience. Every arrangement had been made for the comfort of the delegates, and the Baltimore ladies were untiring in their kind attentions.

The Assembly opened with a devotional service, Miss Margaret Hodge, President, presiding, after which Mrs. John B. Ramsey, of Baltimore, in graceful and kindly words, gave the welcoming greeting, to which Miss Hodge replied.

The synodical and presbyterial societies responded to the roll-call, by Mrs. Weitzel, with a year-text and then Mrs. W. S. Stewart presented a most interesting and instructive chart, showing all the scope of the work of the Board as illustrated by a vine—its branches, leaves, tendrils, bunches, grapes, fiber and sap.

In the absence of the faithful Treasurer, Miss Cattell, Mrs. Stewart also presented the financial report of the year, including the wonderful Jubilee gift of love of $77,479.15, besides which for the year 1911-1912 the Treasurer's books showed regular receipts $189,-533.04, which was an advance of $14,-754.50 over last year. Special gifts and famine fund, $3,043.03; Publication receipts, $3,582.29.

Miss Annie R. Morton told of the marvelous awakening in China and the new demand for education. She said there are 45,000,000 school children in China, and there is a sudden demand for 3,000,000 teachers!

The meeting Tuesday evening began with a Call to Prayer, led by Mrs. John F. Kerr, who dwelt on the Call to Serve, to Give, to Pray. The responsibility of open doors was presented by Mrs. Harry Boyd, of China. Everywhere, socially, politically, geographically, the doors are open. She spoke of the

world's unrest and the cry for light, and of the fact that last year saw the birth of three republics—China, Mexico and Portugal. These doors will remain open to commerce, civilization and education, but the day will come when they will close their hearts to the gospel, unless the Church of Christ rises to this great present opportunity.

Mrs. Gilbert Lovell followed with a vivid and convincing "Appeal of Hunan." She said these people are proud, bold, independent, and disdainful of outsiders, and that the women are intelligent. In the past six months many important governmental posts have been filled by graduates from mission schools who "have come to the kingdom for such a time as this."

Wednesday morning the Jubilee and Post-Jubilee meetings were briefly spoken of and emphasis was laid on three great effects: increased unity in Christ's service, a new vision of the holiness of God, and a strengthening of the faith of Christian women, enabling them to repel the invasion of the heathen cults which are coming in such specious guise and luring many women to destruction and despair.

Mrs. Henry R. Elliot was introduced as the new Editor of WOMAN'S WORK and most cordially welcomed, and Miss Grieves spoke of *Over Sea and Land* and *Everyland*. After a few words about WOMAN'S WORK from the beloved former President, Mrs. Charles P. Turner, who was greeted with a Chautauqua salute, it was resolved that the Assembly pledge itself to a determined effort to increase the subscription list by one thousand this year.

Miss Rachel Lowrie then went "On the Trail of the Missionary," and in a clever and original way took her hearers over half the world into the mission fields under the care of this Board. She made the work in these distant places seem very real and personal.

Miss Harriet Noyes, of China, gave an interesting history of True Light Seminary, after which Miss Hodge introduced the Board to their constituency and Mrs. William B. Jennings presented the following missionaries: Mrs. A. G. Adams, Africa; Miss S. M. Wherry, India; Miss J. M. Samuel, Korea; Mrs. J. N. Wright, Persia; Mrs. F. W. March, Syria; Miss Margaret C. McCord, Siam; Mrs. Finlay, formerly of Brazil; and from China, Mrs. Harry Boyd; Miss E. M. Butler; Mrs. C. H. Fenn; Mrs. Gilbert Lovell; Miss A. R. Morton; Miss M. D. Morton and Miss Harriet Noyes, and under appointment, Miss Jessie L. Rodgers and Miss Helen Stockton.

Mrs. Loring Taylor, with her crown of white hair, told of missionary experiences long ago in Syria. In her own land she has organized many presbyterial societies and hundreds of auxiliaries.

A very especial feature of this Assembly was the Mission Study Class. Mrs. Faries introduced Mr. B. C. Milliken, who took up the new book, "China's New Day." During four sessions he discussed "What is for *us* the practical *significance* of *China's break* with the *past?*"

It is not possible in this limited report to give an account of these classes, but as they went on, the feeling deepened that this new and wide open door must be entered at once, and the leading seemed to be so clear that before the close of the Assembly the following resolution was adopted, which was presented as the report of a Special Committee on a special work for China: "To win China for Christ. Resolved, That the Board of Directors appoint a committee to arrange for a campaign of information leading to definite financial results; Resolved, That we commend to all the presbyterial organizations in our territory an immediate call to prayer and consecration leading to a sacrificial offering by young and old."

On Wednesday afternoon a varied

programme was given, which was full of helpful suggestions, and then Miss Samuel spoke of her work in Korea, and gave some vivid pictures of the power of Christ in the hearts and lives of Korean women. The afternoon session closed with a conference on young people's work, led by Mrs. Atkinson, of Ohio, which considered the subjects of Westminster Guild, college graduates, Christian Endeavor Societies and the various phases of work by young women.

The evening meeting on Wednesday had a crowded church to hear Robert E. Speer, D.D., who held the eager attention of his audience. He was introduced by the Rev. Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, pastor of Brown Memorial Church, who opened the service. Dr. Speer spoke convincingly of Christ, the Only Light, and showed that Christianity differed fundamentally from all other religions in its attitude toward truth, its attitude toward God, and its relation to humanity. Christianity gives moral power to incorporate in human lives the ethical ideal of its Founder, it is the only faith that uplifts, the only religion that has the idea of a sacramental sacrifice.

The Thursday morning session was most helpful and practical, and every delegate must have carried home valuable suggestions from the conference conducted by Mrs. Weitzel on "Synodical Solutions, Presbyterial Possibilities and Auxiliary Aspirations." Mrs. Adams, of Africa, told a thrilling story of a Miracle of Missions, and in the final session of Thursday afternoon Miss Wherry spoke of the New India, and Mrs. Wright reminded her hearers of the special obligation of the Presbyterian Church to Persia. Mrs. A. R. Perkins, in a series of illuminating flash-lights, showed what is being done and what is still needed to be done in lands across the seas. The Committee on Resolutions reported warm appreciation of the hospitality of the Baltimore Committee and Church, grateful recognition of the service of the missionaries and firm determination to press on toward better service. The invitation to meet in Pittsburgh in 1914 was accepted.

The farewell words were spoken in a consecration service led by Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe, after which Dr. Stevenson pronounced the benediction. So ended the Baltimore Assembly, the deepest impression of the whole meeting being the prevailing power of the Holy Spirit, and His manifest guidance.

Mrs. H. S. Prentiss Nichols.

JUBILEE CONTINUATION

Under the auspices of the New York Committee, a "China" meeting was held on Monday afternoon, April 29th, in the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas. The church was well filled in spite of the pouring rain. Jubilee days were recalled and Jubilee spirit emphasized by the presence of Mrs. Peabody and Mrs. Montgomery. Mrs. Peabody reported *Some Fruits of the Jubilee*, while Mrs. Montgomery gave the last of the three China addresses, her subject being *China, the Church's Challenge.*

Rev. John E. Williams (Presbyterian), of Nanking University, presented *The Situation in China, and Its Significance for the Kingdom.* Miss Honsinger, of Nanchang (Methodist), spoke of *Our Responsibility to the Women of New China.* Miss Honsinger also sang a sweet and appropriate selection while the offering was taken. The offering was for the China Famine Relief Fund, and it amounted to over three hundred dollars.

The devotional service was led by Miss Emery (Episcopal), and the Rev. Malcolm J. MacLeod, the pastor of the church, made the closing prayer.

After the meeting a reception was held

in the church parlors for the missionaries, of whom about fifty were present, representing "every name and sign."

The Continuation Committee hopes by such meetings, from time to time, to conserve and foster the Jubilee spirit of unity in work for the Kingdom.

A. M. D.

BOARD OF NEW YORK

THE forty-second annual meeting was held in the Assembly Room, 156 Fifth Avenue, April 24th, and a large number of interested women were present. The President, Mrs. W. Packer Prentice, opened the meeting with scripture reading and prayer. One hundred and fifteen delegates responded to the roll-call. Miss Henrietta W. Hubbard, Treasurer, reported the receipts for the year, including the Jubilee Offering, $188,164.55. The total Jubilee Offering was $79,762.05. The work at home as done by the societies of women and young people was reported by the Home Secretaries, while the Foreign Secretaries gave brief reports from their correspondents on the foreign field.

After the report of the Nominating Committee and the election of officers, Mrs. James B. Cochran, of Hwai Yuen, China, in a very impressive manner, told of her work and of the opportunities for it among the Chinese women.

The meeting was closed by Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, of the Assembly's Board, who gave a brief summary of the Board's work for the year, which gave us all cause for gratitude.

In the afternoon an informal conference on Young People's Work was conducted by the Young People's Committee of the Board. The Student Secretary, Mrs. Potter, spoke on Denominational Loyalty; Miss Van Wagenen and Miss Waters conducted a brief session on Organization; Mrs. Anderson gave many useful suggestions as to Methods of Work, and Miss Hedden, of Newark, presented the subject of Mission Study Classes. While the attendance of young people was not large, a number of presbyterial officers were present, and the Committee trusts that a real impetus was given to the efforts to develop this work.

M. B. H.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST

IT WAS voted last year that the large popular meeting of this Board should be omitted this year. Consequently the gathering in our Assembly room on April 19th was made up of the officers and members of our Executive Committee.

The first of the Annual reports were given by the foreign corresponding secretaries. Miss Herma Clark gave orally the report from *India*, in place of our late and greatly mourned Miss Halsey, and also from *Japan* for Mrs. Shumway, who is absent. In India the missionaries feel the stirrings of a great mass movement which seems imminent.

In *Japan* it chances to be a year of many furloughs. The Japanese themselves are growing in Christian strength and independence.

Mrs. Coulter for *Hainan* and Mrs. Hardin for *North China*, both tell of an eagerness for education, increased efficiency of native helpers, and growth in religious unity.

In *Persia* Mrs. Clow reported a condition of unrest, but has great hope of the final establishment of God's kingdom.

Siam and *Laos*, the twin countries, are calling, as Mrs. Cole reports, for 100 evangelists at once for the 14,000,000 of unreached people!

Syria was plead for by Mrs. Dickey, who said that not in fifty years was there such need of reinforcements.

Korea's report, written by Miss Crowell and read by Mrs. Covert, told of a

General Assembly, a School Board, plans for Summer Bible Schools, a Bible Institute, and the whole Bible translated into the Korean language. The home corresponding secretaries each gave an interesting account of her own especial department. Miss Sarver reported $26,000 pledged to specific work, and Mrs. Tillman told us of three of our States having new Synodical Presidents. Mrs. Forsyth said that over 5,900 letters from missionaries had been copied and distributed.

Mrs. Covert has been kept busy supplying societies with speakers. Mrs. Engstrom, Miss Scott, two or three missionaries and several officers of the Board have accepted invitations. Nearly every State has had speakers, and several have had tours. Mrs. Lown, as Secretary of Literature, has arranged to have literature tables at nearly all presbyterial meetings. Westminster Church, of Minneapolis, has the largest subscription list for WOMAN'S WORK.

Miss Coulter reports 145 missionaries supported this year, as against 124 last year; while Mrs. Jacobs rejoices in 21 accepted candidates, a record year! Our Mission Study classes have increased to a total reported to Mrs. King of 366, Illinois having the largest number, 94. Mrs. Craig tells us that the increase in the number of Y. L. S. and Bands has been 212 and that they support a large share of the Ningpo station. Bands have contributed $6,000.

Westminster Guild, Miss McCord told us, has 258 Chapters and Circles, with a membership of 4,530, and they are supporting three missionaries. Mrs. Matzinger and Mrs. Millar both reported growth in Mission Extension and in the work and interest of the Y. P. S. C. E. in Foreign Missions, and new plans in view. The C. E.'s support ten missionaries.

The report of our Treasurer, Mrs. Bradley, rejoiced our hearts, for the total receipts this year reached $198,793.28—this includes two large bequests which must be held as endowment, but we were able to send to the Assembly's Board $124,969.91.

Our office, through Mrs. Clark, reported having received 8,948 letters and 4,126 postals. Publication Committee reports 32 leaflets, published this year, 15 of which are free, and 41 bought from other Boards; 23,950 pages of literature printed for Jubilee campaign, and 2,800 Year Books sold.

(*Mrs. N.M.*) *Belle McPherson Campbell.*

THE BOARD OF THE SOUTHWEST

THE thirty-fifth Annual Meeting was held in St. Louis, Tuesday, April 16th, at the Board's headquarters. The session opened with a short devotional service.

Greetings to the Board were received from the Arkansas and Texas Synodical Societies. Reports from the different synodical societies proved very encouraging, all showing progress. Kansas reported a gain of 17 societies among the young people, an advance of 65 per cent. The Synodical Secretary for Oklahoma says: "The year which has closed has been a strenuous one in our State, for the shortage in crops has affected everything, and the financial stress has been felt by many liberal contributors to missions. Therefore great anxiety has been felt, and much prayer was offered to the Giver that the hearts of our women be kept warm and free to give as liberally as of yore, if no advance was possible. Our faith was not strong enough to expect an advance, but we find that we have made a large increase, $113.95, or more than 6 per cent. over last year."

The foreign corresponding secretaries told of the letters received from our faithful missionaries and related a number of interesting incidents connected with their work, and of the request that comes from each to "Pray for thework."

Twenty-four young women have dedicated their lives to the service of the Master this year, of whom nine are on the field, three were declined, and the credentials of the others are in New York.

The progress of the work in the Extension Department is promising, as is that among the very young children.

The number of mission study classes that are being organized throughout our Board's territory is another sign of advance, which will in the year that lies before us bring to us many more workers.

It was a great privilege, as well as a pleasure, to have with us Mrs. E. W. Simpson, of Kolhapur, India. Mrs. Simpson told of the successful work carried on in the Girl's School and of the influence exerted by the missionaries over the converts, who are ready and willing to do anything for Christ's sake.

Contributions for the year amounted to $30,882.43.

While a gain of 145 subscriptions was reported from our territory, in three of our states there was a loss. Missouri reports a loss of 18, Oklahoma, 10, and Texas 21. Secretaries of Literature, we look to you to learn the reason why.

A short Memorial for those of our "companions in service who have passed over into the presence of the Father" closed a helpful, interesting meeting.

THE OCCIDENTAL BOARD

IN St. John's Church, Berkeley, California, was held the thirty-ninth annual meeting of this board, beginning on Tuesday afternoon, April second. After the address of welcome and response, there was the election of officers and the installation prayer, followed by the President's annual message. The women of the Occidental Board are fond and proud of their President, Mrs. H. B. Pinney. Her message was full of courage, of good cheer, and of missionary endeavor.

Wednesday morning the devotional meeting was led by Rev. George Eldredge, the pastor of St. John's Church. The year's work of the Occidental Board was reported by Mrs. J. G. Chown, the Synodical Secretary. This report, prepared by the secretaries, was very complete, and yet was a model in conciseness and in clearness. One woman was heard to remark: "How long, and yet how interesting!" The report told the story of advance all along the line, and plainly showed us that "Duty and to-day are ours."

Special Objects by the New Plan, as presented by Mrs. R. W. Cleland, President Foreign Synodical Society of California, left no doubt in the minds of her hearers that special objects were wise, and the new plan good.

The Challenge of the Laos, Dr. C. H. Denman, a former missionary in Laos.

Helping Together, Mrs. E. A. Sturge. Mrs. Sturge has the poetic nature that always gives a charm to what she says and helps make her the successful missionary she is to the Japanese.

Prayer Life, the Supreme Need of Our Time, Mrs. Berry-Goodwin. Restful and soul-inspiring. As the audience went out after the adjournment of the morning meeting I believe each woman had a prayer in her heart.

Our Board, Mrs. L. M. Gillilan, President Utah Synodical Society. The California women appreciated having Mrs. Gillilan present, and the Synod of Utah seemed very near to us. Surely we are all one through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Experiences in Hang Chow, China, were related by Mrs. Herriott.

Our Volunteers, Miss Suderman, Africa; Miss Burr, Laos, and Miss Hazel Bruner.

The Present Time in Korea was a stirring address given by Rev. Ernest

F. Hall, the Western Field Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Address, Rev. Andrew Beattie.

Some Questions of the Hour were discussed, led by Mrs. Pinney.

On Thursday morning the devotional meeting was led by the Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, D.D., pastor of First Church, Oakland.

The Treasurer, Mrs. E. G. Dennistón, read a report which showed an advance of $5,000.

History and Results of the Mission Study Movement, Mrs. McKee, Los Angeles.

How Should We Meet the New Situation in China? Rev. J. H. Laughlin, D.D. This address was one of the most beautiful the writer has ever heard. As the speaker told how China sent her wise men to find the young Christ-child, how they missed the way and went to India, whence they returned taking with them the teaching of Buddha, of our duty in showing the Light of the World and leading the new China which was ready to receive the glad tidings after all these centuries of darkness, we believe every heart was thrilled with the thought of what Christ meant to the world, and of the great privilege of a Christian nation, the supreme duty of its people.

A Forecast of China's Future, Rev. Clarence Herriott.

Why Should Not I? An appeal. Rev. Wm. K. Howe, pastor Trinity Church, San Francisco.

Thursday afternoon the California Synodical Society of Foreign Missions held its semi-annual meeting, presided over by Mrs. Cleland. There was a prayer service. *"The Far West,"* our local paper, was presented; also the work of the Christian Endeavor, the Westminster Guild, the Y. W. C. A. and the Student Volunteers. *The New China* was given by Rev. Ng Poon Chew, and *The Purpose of This Assembly* by the Rev. Arthur Hicks.

FEATURES.

The Chinese children were a feature of the meetings—always alert, always entertaining, always an object lesson. Miss Hatch, of the Condit School, their teacher, had reason to be proud. Mrs. E. Y. Garrette, the faithful superintendent of schools, fairly beamed with pride and joy. Mission study classes were conducted each day by Mrs. E. F. Hall and Miss Carrie Morton.

Tuesday evening, under the leadership of Miss Jennie Partridge, a conference of the young people was held, followed by dinner. President Landon, of the Theological Seminary, spoke. The meeting was full of enthusiasm and showed the interest of our young people in foreign missions.

Thursday night a dinner was given and a conference of workers held. At this time the watchword seemed to be "Advance," and "To know not discouragement" the motto. Luncheon was served each day.

The St. John women expressed themselves as honored to entertain. The beautiful California wild flowers used for decorations seemed to breathe a lesson of God's wonderful goodness to His children.

Annie Little Barry.

The Seattle Presbyterial Society held its annual meeting April 9th. Four new societies were organized this past year and an increase of 156 members was reported. Two societies doubled their membership during the year. Twenty-four Mission Study Classes were reported and $2,639 was given. Our great aim for the coming year is to reach the Japanese who are coming to our doors in such numbers. About nine thousand have now settled in Seattle.

Mrs. J. B. Eagleson.

Leaflets, most of them new, admirably adapted to help in preparing the June programme on the Home Base:

Hand-Book for Workers	$.06
Story of Twenty-five Years	.05
Why I Believe in Foreign Missions	.02
Experiences of a Pioneer Secretary	.02
Gathering up the Fragments	.02
Standard of Excellence	Free
Foreign Missions Extension Department	Free
Missionary Charts and How to Make Them	Free

The Hindered Christ (poem)..... $.01

A leaflet containing programmes for a year, with suggestions for carrying them out, will be ready in June. Price, 3c.; 30c. per dozen.

In a small interior town there were four women prevented from meeting together by ill-health, but who formed an association for mutual information and prayer. Two of these women take Woman's Work and two take the *Home Mission Monthly* and exchange with each other. Out of this nucleus has grown a society of eleven members, one of whom is superintendent of the Sunday-school, and these eleven keep alive the local church.

The International Missionary Union will hold its twenty-ninth annual gathering at Clifton Springs, N. Y., from May 29th through June 4th. The general topic for consideration will be: *God's Messengers in Relation to the World's Unrest.*

From June 19th to 25th will be held an Interdenominational Summer School and Conference at Omaha, Neb. A wide range of subjects will be treated by expert authorities, including mission study, foreign and home; city problems, social service, etc. Inquiries should be addressed to Mrs. J. E. Dodds, 5011 Cuming Street, Omaha, Neb.

The Minnesota Summer School of Missions for 1912—June 12-18—will meet in Olivet Congregational Church, Merriam Park. The course of study and leaders as follows:

Foreign—Mrs. D. B. Wells, Chicago.

Home—Miss Carrie Barge, Delaware, Ohio.

Bible Study—Miss Grace Lindley, New York City.

Methods Hour—Mrs. E. J. Kraft, Minneapolis.

Story Hour.

Address all inquiries to

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RECEIPTS FOR APRIL, 1912

By totals from Presbyterial Societies.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church

Baltimore,	$571.63	Knox,	$1.00	Obion-Memphis,	$13.00	Steubenville,	$6.25
Bellefontaine,	2.00	Lackawanna,	2.00	Philadelphia,	25.00	Wellsboro,	15.00
Butler.	6 55	Lehigh,	12.00	Philadelphia, N.,	200.00	West Jersey,	6.00
Cape Fear.	2.00	Le Vere,	1.00	Pittsburgh,	102.00	Westminster,	7.00
Chattanooga,	1.00	Lima,	4.00	Redstone,	5.00	Wheeling, 1st Ch.,	150.00
Chester.	9.00	McClelland,	2.00	Roggersville,	9.00	Zanesville,	2.26
Cincinnati,	7.00	McMinnville,	8.60	St. Clairsville,	25.00	Miscellaneous	3,396.67
Clarion,	16 00	Mahoning,	16.00	Southern Virginia,	1.00		
Erie,	4.50	Marion,	5 00	Total for month,			$4,761.00
Fairfield,	8.00	Maumee,	5.00	Contributions to Famine Funds,			$140.90
Florida,	40 00	Monmouth,	10.00				

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Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest

Alton,	$5.00	Fargo,	$10.00	Logansport,	$5.00	Rock River,	$9.00
Bismarck,	10.30	Flint,	13.00	Mattoon,	2.50	Rushville,	41.50
Bloomingtgn,	31.00	Freeport,	23 00	Milwaukee,	9 55	St. Cloud,	3.09
Boulder,	3 00	Grand Rapids,	258.00	Minnewaukon,	10.00	St. Paul,	72.70
Box Butte,	2.50	Gunnison,	138.00	Mingt,	8 23	Sioux City,	14.50
Butte,	14.00	Hastings,	50.90	Mouse River,	28.72	Sioux Falls,	5.00
Cairo,	9.00	Helena,	175.40	Nebraska City,	11.00	Springfield,	500.62
Cheyenne,	63.00	Indiana,	20.00	Nigbrara.	7.00	Waukgn,	10.00
Chicago,	1,421 01	Indianapolis,	449 30	Oakes,	46.00	Whitewater,	446.19
Chippewa,	8.00	Iowa,	680.67	Omaha,	1.00	Winnebago,	611.57
Corning,	358.41	Iowa City.	75.70	Ottawa,	5.00	Yellowstone,	56.05
Denver,	8.10	Kalamazgg,	172.50	Petoskey,	30.00	Miscellaneous,	1.00
Des Moines,	2.75	Kalispel,	10.00	Reserve,	5.05		
Detroit,	280.64	Kearney,	44.65	Total from March 15, to April 15, 1912,			$6,342.38
Dubuque.	25.00	La Crosse,	24.28				
Duluth,	9.00	Lansing,	6.00				

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Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church

Binghamton,	$31.00	Louisville,	$237.00	Princeton,	$7.00	Interest,	$350.00
Brgoklyn,	45.00	Lyons,	26.00	Transylvania,	409.30	Legacy,	475.00
Buffalo,	354.50	Morris and Orange,	33.00	Miscellaneous,	496.69		
Cayuga,	617.50	Nassau,	16.00	Total from March 15th to April 15th,			$4,057.25
Geneva.	25.00	New York,	827.84				
Hudson,	56.36	North River,	2.50				
Long Island,	2.56	Otsego,	45.00				

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Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest

Ardmore,	$37.23	Iron Mt.,	$5.00	Santa Fé,	$17.00	Topeka,	$66.85
Arkansas,	9.20	Kirksville,	17.50	St. Joseph,	14.15	Tulsa,	18.00
Austin,	36.65	Larned,	11.40	Salt River,	5.00	White River,	2.50
Carthage,	6.77	McGee,	18.15	Sedalia,	5.00	Miscellaneous,	27.35
Choctaw,	2.00	Muskogee,	21.00	Solomgn,	17.00		
Cimarron,	1 85	Neosho.	10.00	Total to date,			$788.73
Dallas,	9.00	Oklahoma,	349.98				
Emporia,	17.35	Paris.	9.80				
Highland,	51.00	Pecos Valley,	2.00				

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